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SUBJECT: SYG SELECTION: SECURITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY
RECOMMENDS BAN KI-MOON TO BE NEXT SECRETARY-GENERAL

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[¶1.](#) (U) On October 9, the Security Council adopted Resolution 1715 (text below) by acclamation, recommending to the General Assembly that South Korean FM Ban Ki-Moon be appointed the next Secretary-General of the UN. Prior to the Council's decision, all other candidates for the position had withdrawn their candidacies, enabling the Council to adopt the resolution without a vote.

[¶2.](#) (U) Consistent with Article 97 of the Charter, the GA will now need to take action to "appoint" the Secretary-General on the basis of the Council's recommendation. USUN will press the President of the General Assembly and other delegations to move quickly to appoint FM Ban, to ensure that he has the necessary time to transition to his new duties.

[¶3.](#) (U) Begin Text of Resolution 1715:

The Security Council,

Having considered the question of the recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

Recommends to the General Assembly that Mr. Ban Ki-Moon be appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2011.

End Text.
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